

Job Title: Teacher of Sociology

The Sociology department is part of the Faculty of Sports and Social Sciences, and is based in spacious teaching rooms, all of which are equipped with interactive whiteboards. College-wide issues, including pastoral provision, as well as some general curriculum issues, are dealt with at the faculty level. However, curriculum issues and development are addressed through subject departments. In Sociology we have 523 students following the AQA A level specification / 7192. In addition to teaching their commitments, members of the team are involved in various other activities including personal tutoring, enrichment activities and developing educational resources.

In their first year our students examine Families and Households, Education and Research Methods and 'Methods In Context'. In year two they move on to Beliefs In Society, Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods. All teaching sets are taught by two teachers and the main teaching resources for the course are produced on a collaborative basis. Students are provided with detailed topic booklets for each module on the course, that provide additional readings, essay questions, extension tasks and guidance on the AQA assessment objectives and core themes. Assessment is organised around a programme of common assessed tasks that are used to inform the cross-College Progress Review system and to monitor students' development and commitment to the course. All members of the Sociology Team provide additional guidance and support to students through lunchtime workshop sessions. These can take the form of one-to-one help or more structured revision lectures in the run-up to exams

The person appointed to this post should be a graduate of sociology or of a closely allied subject; candidates should demonstrate the following characteristics:

- possess an ability to transfer enthusiasm to students;
- be a highly organised person, capable of dealing with administration associated with a large department;
- be familiar with contemporary issues in the teaching of sociology;
- be able to utilise ICT in the delivery of sociology;
- be an effective team member who is prepared to share ideas and resources;

The College organises and supports INSET opportunities within the college, and encourages staff to attend relevant events organised externally.

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